SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND PARISHES OF BIENVILLE, CLAIBORNE AND JACKSON, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT **DECEMBER 31, 2007**

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Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Financial Report December 31, 2007

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Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund-Jonesboro, J.A 71251

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34. Certain comparative information is presented to provide an overview of the District Indigent Defender Fund's operations.

Financial Highlights

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the District Indigent Defender Fund as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District Indigent Defender Fund's finances. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The District Indigent Defender Fund maintains only one fund, the general fund, through which all of its operations are conducted.

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A summary of the basic government-wide financial statements is as follows:

Summary of Statement of Net Assets

	2007		<u> 2006</u>	
ASSETS:				
Assets	S	366,453	S	292,013
Capital assets, net		0		0
Total Assets		366.453		292,013
LIABILITIES:		*************************************		
Payables		500		5.073
Total Liabilities		500		5.073
NET ASSETS:				
Investment in capital assets		0		0
Unrestricted		365,953		286,940
Total Net Assets	\$	365,953	5	286,940

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Summary of Statement of Activities

		<u> 2007</u>	<u> 2006</u>
REVENUES:			
General Revenues:			
Court cost and Fines and Forfeitures	\$	294.082	\$ 308,861
Fees from Indigents		9,152	17,232
Appearance bond rebates and bond premium fees		20,494	22,702
Grant Income		60,173	23.816
Interest income		13.023	9.058
Total Revenues		395,924	381.669
EXPENSES:			
Indigent Board		317,911	289,196
Total Expenses	_	317,911	289,196
Change in Net Assets	\$	79,013	S 92.473

- The District Indigent Defender Fund's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$365,953 (net assets) for the year. This is an increase of \$79,013 from prior year.
- Unrestricted not assets of \$ 365,953 represent the portion available to maintain the District Indigent Defender Fund's obligation to both citizens and creditors.

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General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Revenues continue to be sufficient to enable the District Indigent Defender Fund to provide legal counsel to indigent defendants in the Second Judicial District.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The District Indigent Defender Fund considered many factors when setting the budget for the next fiscal year. Anticipated revenues should increase slightly and a small increase in expenditures is expected. However, the budget for FY 2008 should not increase significantly from FY 2007.

Contacting the District Indigent Defender Fund

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and creditors with a general overview of the District Indigent Defender Fund's finances and to show the District Indigent Defender Fund's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to District Public Defender Clay Carroll, 525 E. Court Street, Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251.

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ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

District Public Defender Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund 525 E. Court Street Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of management of the District Indigent Defender Fund.

A review consists principally of inquiries of the District Indigent Defender Fund's personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 4 and 23 through 24, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. Such information has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but was compiled from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated June 13, 2008 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Kenneth D. Folden & Co., CPAs

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Jonesboro, Louisiana

June 13, 2008

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2007

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 347,391	
Receivables	19.062	
Total Current Assets	366.453	
Non-Current Assets:		
Capital Assets (Nct)	0	
Total Assets	366,453	
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities;		
Accounts Payable	500	
Total Liabilities	500	
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in Capital Assets	0	
Unrestricted	365.953	
Total Net Assets	\$ 365.953	

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Statement of Activities December 31, 2007

Program Revenues

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<u>Activities</u>	•	Expenses	2	ervices	<u>C</u>	ontributions		<u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:		•						
District Indigent Defender Fund	\$	317.911	\$	0	\$	60,173	5	(257,738)
Total Governmental Activities		317,911		0		60.173		(257.738)
General Revenues:								
Court cost and fines and forfeiture	s							294,082
Fees from indigents								9.152
Appearance bond rebates and bon-	d pre	mium f ee s						20,494
Interest revenue								13.023
Total General Revenues							-	336.751
Changes in Net Assets								79.013
Net Assets January 1, 2007							_	286.940
Net Assets December 31, 2007							\$	365,953

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Exhibit C

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund December 31, 2007

Assets:		
Cash	\$	347,391
Receivables		19,062
Fotal Assets	<u>s</u>	366.453
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		500
Total Liabilities		500
Fund Balance:		
Unreserved		365,953
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	S	366 <u>.4</u> 53

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2007

at December 31, 2007	5	365,953
Total Net Assets reported for Governmental Activities In the Statement of Net Assets is different because:		
Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund. Those assets consist of:		
Land, Equipment, Buildings, and Vehicles, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		0
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities at December 31, 2007	<u> </u>	365,953

Total Fund Balance for the Governmental Fund

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund BalanceGovernmental Fund Year Ended December 31, 2007

	<u>Total</u>	
REVENUES:		
Court cost and fines and forfeitures	S	294.082
Fees from Indigents		9,152
Appearance bond rebates and bond premium fees		20,494
Grants		60,173
Interest		13.023
Total Revenues		396,924
EXPENDITURES:		
Current		
Contracted legal services		289,664
Contracted capital defense and experts		16.254
Library		5,661
Miscellaneous		774
Professional services		3,950
Seminar		1.608
Total Expenditures		317,911
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u></u>	79,013
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		286,940
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$	365,953

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues. Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Total Net Change in Fund Balance at December 31, 2007, per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance	\$	79,013
The Change in Net Assets reported for Governmental Activities		
in the Statement of Activities is different because:		
Capital Outlay cost which are considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance		0
Expenditures and Changes in Fund batance		U
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2007		0
Total changes in Net Assets at December 31, 2007, per Statement of Activities	5	79,013

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007

1. Introduction:

The Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund is established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 15:141-184, to provide and compensate counsel appointed to represent indigents in criminal and quasi-criminal cases on the district court level. The judicial district encompasses the parishes of Bienville, Claiborne and Jackson, Louisiana. The District Public Defender will manage and supervise the public defender services provided within the Second Judicial District of Louisiana. The District Public Defender will be responsible for complying with the statutory requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 15:161 in the performance of the duties of the District Public Defender, and in the operations of the District Indigent Defender Fund.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accounting and reporting policies of the Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting policies also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

A. Reporting Entity-

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Statement No. 14, the Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund includes all funds, account groups, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the District Public Defender. Oversight responsibility is determined on the basis of appointment of governing body, ability to significantly influence operations, accountability for fiscal matters, and the nature and significance of an organization's relationship with the primary government. Based on the consideration of the foregoing criteria, the Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund is deemed to be a separate reporting entity. Certain units of local government over which the District Indigent Defender Fund exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish police jury, parish school board, other independently-elected officials, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the District Indigent Defender Fund.

B. Basis of Presentation-

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District Indigent Defender Fund's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

C. Fund Accounting-

The accounts of the District Indigent Defender Fund are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The District Indigent Defender Fund maintains only one fund. It is categorized as a governmental fund. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds: each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or meets the following criteria:

- Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental
 or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that
 category or type; and
- Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental
 or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and
 enterprise funds combined.

The major fund of the District Indigent Defender Fund is described below:

Governmental Fund-

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District Indigent Defender Fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

D. Measurement Focus Basis of Accounting-

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual Basis - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the District Indigent Defender Fund as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Modified Accrual Basis - Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District Indigent Defender Fund considers all revenues "available" if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity-

Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits-

For purposes of the Statement of Net Assets, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of the District Indigent Defender Fund.

Capital Assets-

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District Indigent Defender Fund maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of that asset or materially extend the life of that asset are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Furniture, computers

5 years

Compensated Absences -The District Indigent Defender Fund does not have any employees. Therefore, no entry is made to record compensated absences.

Equity Classifications-

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt—Consists of capital assets including
 restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the
 outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are
 attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted not assets—Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by
 (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net assets—All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated.

F. Budget-

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the District Indigent Defender Fund adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

G. Estimates-

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit. At December 31, 2007, the District Indigent Defender Fund had cash and cash equivalents (book bank balances) totaling \$347,391. All cash is deposited in interest bearing accounts. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under Louisiana law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the

bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of safekeeping receipts held by the District Indigent Defender Fund.

The deposits (bank balances)at December 31, 2007, were secured as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$	112,561
Certificate of Deposit		234,830
Total	<u>s</u>	347,391
FDIC Insurance	S	334,830
Pledged Securities		150,000
Total	S	484,830

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3). Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District Indigent Defender Fund that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

4 Capital Assets:

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended December 31, 2007, is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance <u>01-01-07</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12-31-07
Capital Assets Depreciated: Furniture, computers	<u>\$15,630</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15.630</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$15.630</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>50</u>	\$15.63 <u>0</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation: Furniture, computers	\$15,630	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,630</u>
Total Depreciation	<u>515,630</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	<u>\$15,630</u>
Net Capital Assets	8 0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$</u>

Depreciation expense of \$0 was charged to the general government function.

5. Pension Plan:

The District Indigent Defender Fund has no employees, so there is no participation in a pension plan.

6. Governmental Fund Revenues and Expenditures

For the year ended December 31, 2007, the major sources of governmental fund revenues and expenditures were as follows:

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State Government

Grants	60,173
Total Local Government	\$60,173
Statutory fines, forfeitures, fees, court costs, and other Criminal court fund	42,535 281,193
Total	\$323,728
Investment earnings	<u>13.023</u>
Total Revenues	\$396,924

Expenditures:

Operating Cost

Library and research	5,661
Contract services - attorney/legal	250.945
Contract services - other	20.203
Insurance	40,328
Other	774

Total Expenditures	<u>\$317.911</u>

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2007 With Comparative Actual Amounts from December 31, 2006

2007 Variance Favorable Budget Original/Final (Unfavorable 2006 Actual Actual REVENUES: Second Judicial Court Costs on fines and forfeitures 5 4.082 \$ 290.000 S 294,082 308,861 Fees from indigents 10,000 9,152 (848)17,232 Appearance bond rebates and bond premium fees ij 20.494 20,494 22.702 15,000 60,173 45.173 23.816 Grants 7.200 Interest 13,023 5,823 9.058 Total Revenues 322.200 396.924 74.724 S 381.669 **EXPENDITURES:** \$ 900 0 5 900 \$ Association dues 900 Contracted legal services 381,400 289.664 91.736 257,459 16,254 Contracted capital defense 0 (16, 254)19.003 889 Library 6,550 5.661 5.711 Miscellaneous 0 774 58 (774)Professional services 46.200 3,950 42,250 4.448

2.500

437.550

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119.639 \$

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Total Expenditures

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2007, included in the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$20,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There were no expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$20,000 or for public works exceeding \$100,000.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of the District Public Defender as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all fund members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

The District Indigent Defender Fund has no employees so no listing is required.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedures (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedures (2) as immediate family members.

The Second Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund has no employees so no one appears on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2).

BUDGETING

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget.

6. Trace the budget adoption to the minute book.

The budget was legally adopted.

 Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

The actual revenues and actual expenses for the year were compared to the budgeted revenues and budgeted expenses. Actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues. Actual expenses were less than budgeted expenses.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

- 8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:
 - (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee:

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

(b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account:

Each disbursement appeared to be coded correctly.

(c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities:

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the 6 selected disbursements indicated adequate approvals.

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Agendas were posted and meetings were advertised as required.

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds or any other indebtedness which have not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

We inspected copies of all bank deposits for the period under examination and noted no deposits that appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or other indebtedness that had not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the District Public Defender of the Second Judicial District of Louisiana and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statue 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditors as a public document.

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Jonesboro, Louisiana

June 13, 2008

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT INDIGENT DEFENDER FUND LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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In connection with your review of our financial statements as of December 31, 2007, and for the period then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of May 1, 2008.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office,

Yes X No __

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes X No ___

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes X No ___

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14 or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:43.

Yes X No

Accounting and Reporting

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All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.
Yes <u>X</u> No
We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:453, and/or 39:92, as applicable.
Yes X No
We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.
Yes X No
Meetings
We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.
Yes X No
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It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 47:1410.60.
Yes X No
Advances and Bonuses
It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 72-729.
Yes <u>X</u> No
We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.
We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.
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Date <u>May 1, 2008</u>

District Public Defender